

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 19 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1076-0-01 (ACCNO 5121) Status: (A) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: COLOMBO, GARY LEWIS Date Status assigned: 15 Mar 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	E4	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	RUDDY
SSAN		Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	67 in /1.70 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	6 Sep 1946	Weight	151 lb / 68.4 kg	Duty pos	CREWMAN
Home State	WASHINGTON	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: WATER SITE
UTM: 48QYD396678
Lat/Long: 165258N / 1071458E
Country: OVER WATER - VS
Military Region: \$
Mission Province: QUANG TRI
(formerly):
Mission District: TRIEU HAI
Mission Date: 6 Mar 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: None.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 93, Dec 92
Investigations: Aug 93
Surveys: Aug 93
Vessey Case: NO

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: CH46A	Serial: 151943
Crash Type: Aircraft accident	Engine Type: T58GE
Call Sign: HMM164	1 Serial: 271319
Year: \$	2 Serial: 270727

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

22 June 1984

ON 6 MARCH 1968, CPL GARY L. COLOMBO WAS ONE OF FOUR CREWMEMBERS ABOARD A CH46A HELICOPTER ON A MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING FLIGHT WHEN THE HELICOPTER EXPERIENCED ENGINE FAILURE, LANDED IN THE SEA AND SUBSEQUENTLY SANK IN APPROXIMATELY 132 FEET OF WATER IN THE VICINITY OF YD 396 678. THREE CREWMEMBERS WERE RESCUED WITHOUT INJURIES. CPL COLOMBO WAS LAST SEEN ATTEMPTING EGRESS THROUGH THE STARBOARD ENTRANCE HATCH BEFORE THE CH46A SANK. CPL COLOMBO IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE STATUS OF DEAD, REMAINS NONRECOVERABLE. (REF 1 & 2)

=== REFERENCES ===

22 June 1984

REFERENCES: <1> CTG 79.5 MSG, DTG 061430Z MAR 68. <2> MARMED
HELRON 164 MSG, DTG 060810Z MAR 68. <3> 240457Z SEP 93 CJTFFA DET ONE
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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

18 December 1992

A CASE NARRATIVE ON CASE 1076 WAS PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 10-11 DECEMBER 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

6 October 1993

ON 24 AUG 93, IE2 TRAVELLED TO TRIEU VAN VILLAGE, TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1076. IE2 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION REGARDING AIRCRAFT CRASHES IN THE AREA. BOTH WITNESSES' STATEMENTS WERE DETERMINED TO BE UNRELATED TO ANY CASE RESULTING IN UNACCOUNTED FOR PERSONNEL. IE2 TRAVELLED TO THE COASTAL AREA ADJACENT TO THE LOCATION THE HELICOPTER CRASHED AND QUESTIONED LOCAL RESIDENTS REGARDING THE INCIDENT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ON 4 SEP 93, IE2 CONDUCTED AN AERIAL SURVEY OF THE REPORTED INCIDENT LOCATION WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. (REF 3)



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NARRATIVE

ON 6 MARCH 1968, CORPORAL GARY L. COLOMBO WAS ONE OF FOUR CREWMEMBERS ABOARD A CH-46A HELICOPTER (SERIAL NUMBER 151943) WHICH CRASHED OFFSHORE IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YD396678, APPROXIMATELY 15 KILOMETERS NORTH-NORTHEAST OF QUANG TRI AND 3 KILOMETERS EAST OF TUONG VAN THUONG, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. SEARCH AND RESCUE FORCES RESCUED THREE OF THE CREWMEMBERS. ONE OF THE SURVIVORS REPORTED HE LAST SAW CORPORAL COLOMBO ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE THE HELICOPTER THROUGH THE RIGHT FRONT ENTRANCE HATCH.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: COLOMBO, GARY LEWIS
RANK: CORPORAL, U.S. MARINE CORPS
DATE OF BIRTH: 6 SEPTEMBER 1946
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.70 METERS
WEIGHT: 68.4 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BLACK
EYES: BROWN

Passed to officials of the
Vietnamese government during a
technical meeting

21 JUL 1993

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 16 AUGUST 1993

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REFNO: 1077 (ACCNO 5547) Status: (A) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: LOPEZ, ROBERT (NMN) Date Status assigned: 15 Jun 1976

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A #
Grade	05	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN		Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	71 in / 1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	192 lb / 87.0 kg	Duty pos	PASSENGER
Home State	WASHINGTON	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

SITE INFORMATION

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QYC456958
Lat/Long: 161354N / 1071753E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: THUA THIEN-HUE
(formerly): QUANG NAM
Mission District: A LUOI
Mission Date: 6 Mar 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Folders Passed: Mar 92
Investigations: Jun 93
Surveys: Jun 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (5) In the aircraft at the time of the crash

VEHICLE DATA

Vehicle Type: CH46A	Serial: 151909
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: T58GE
Call Sign: YW-17	1 Serial: #
Year: \$	2 Serial: #

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